

CHAPTER NO. 893

HOUSE BILL NO. 3104

By Representatives Hood, Coleman, Brenda Turner, Kent

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2606

By Senator Williams

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 9, Part 6, relative to safety belts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-603(f), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and by redesignating subdivision (2) accordingly.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-603(a), is amended by inserting the words "on any highway, as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-101(22)," between the words "vehicle" and "in" wherever such words appear together.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-603(h), is amended by adding the following as new appropriately designated subdivisions:

(6) A vehicle in use in a parade if operated at less than 15 mph;

(7) A vehicle in use in a hayride if operated at less than 15 mph;

(8) A vehicle crossing a highway from one field to another if operated at less than 15 mph.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-6-603(f), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() The department of safety shall not report any convictions under this section except for law enforcement or governmental purposes.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-603, is amended by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

(k) The department of safety shall file a report by March 1 of each year to the 104th, 105th, and 106th general assemblies on data collected for the prior five (5) years by the department relating to violations of Section 55-9-603. Such data shall include the number of persons cited for violations of Section 55-9-603, their race, ethnicity, sex, age, and any other information the department deems relevant.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-604, is amended by inserting after the words "failure to wear a safety belt" wherever they appear in subsection (a), the words "or receipt of a citation or warrant for arrest for failure to wear a safety belt".

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 20, 2004



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 7th day of June 2004



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR